Battle for Kentucky 2016 Perryville Battlefield Battle Reenactment Schedule of Events

Friday, October 7

6:00pm Park front Gate opens

Big Shelter

"The Spirits of Perryville Battlefield: A Guided Ghost Hunt": SHOCK Paranormal Investigation

Spirit Hunters of Central Kentucky present, "The Spirits of Perryville Battlefield" for everyone interested in ghosts, spirits, and paranormal activity. Over many years of paranormal research and ghost investigations, SHOCK has captured hundreds of strange anomalies in explicit photos and shocking images on videos and unnerving voices and audios from haunted locations.

Ticket holders will be able to investigate the haunted grounds of Perryville Battlefield. Accompanied by certified ghost hunters, visitors will try to collect their own evidence of the spirits that call the Perryville Battlefield their home.

6:30pm Tour 1

6:45pm Tour 2

8:30pm Tour 3

8:45pm Tour 4

Not recommended for children under 12. \$20 per person, with a limited number of tickets available. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Museum and at the Big Shelter beginning at 6:00pm.

Saturday, October 8

8:00am Admission Gates open

8:00am Food Court opens

9:00am Camps and Sutlers Opens to the Public

Visitors can experience the camp life of the typical Civil War soldier. Visitors will be able to observe ration issues, mail call, pay call and drill. Demonstrations will occur throughout the day.

9:00am Antique Show ***TENTATIVE***

Antiques, period items and books will be available. Collectors and novices will enjoy the vendors that are displaying their items. Please visit our vendors and take home you own piece of history.

9:00am Museum and Gift Shop opens

9:00am Brigade Drill Behind Museum

Civil War armies were generally organized into infantry regiments and artillery batteries. When maneuvering on battle, soldiers were grouped together into "Brigades" that normally consisted of three to five infantry regiments and a battery of artillery. Very few reenactments are large enough to afford the opportunity to mass enough soldiers together to do this type of drill realistically. This experience will give the guests a view into the mechanics of how armies working in the Civil War. The demonstration will be narrated by Kurt Holman, Park Manager.

10:00am Civil War Music- Camp Chase Fife and Drums Union Monument

10:30am The Confederate Army at Perryville: uniforms, ordnance and Quartermaster operations –talk by Tom Arliskas

An overview of what and how the Confederate Army at Perryville was uniformed and equipped in the fall of 1862.

11:00am Battlefield Tour: Open Knob —led by Allen Bozarth Information Shelter
The Confederates who attacked the Open knob were led by Gen. George E. Maney.

Maney's brigade from Tennessee and Georgia were well seasoned veterans of Shiloh. The Illinois and
Ohioans defending the Knob were as green as can be; many hadn't even fired their rifles or drilled before
marching to Perryville. This was the bloodiest area of the entire battle. While the Confederates finally
captured the Open Knob and went on to take Starkweather's Hill, their attack finally lost momentum as
darkness approached.

After 16 years of research the first biography of Col. Frank Wolford, Union Commander of the First Kentucky Calvary has been most recently released. Wolford fought in over 300 battles and skirmishes, was wounded seven times and had eight horses shot out from under him. While wounded, Wolford chased his nemesis, rebel raider John Hunt Morgan over 1,000 miles by horseback in 24 days. But it was Wolford's political rivalry with the Lincoln Administration over black enlistment and civil rights violations that nearly swayed Kentucky to join the Confederacy in March of 1864. Wolford was arrested by direct order from President and Lincoln and was brought to meet with him at the Executive Mansion. There is new information about how Lincoln handled this Kentucky crisis and Wolford's dissent.

12:30pm Battlefield Tour: Donelson Attacks –led by Doug Lippman Information Shelter
Gen. Donelson's charge up the "valley of death" is reminiscent of the Charge of the Light
Brigade. His Tennessee boys were severely outnumbered, and enfiladed on both flanks by Union artillery.
Numerous attacks took place before the Union troops were driven back. Only the addition of
reinforcements lessened the severity of the fire they were subject to. Eventually they will pass the Widow
Gibson's house and drive the Union troops back but it took hours and terrible causalities.

At the close of the war the Confederate guerrillas in Kentucky are estimated to have been an army in excess of 1,000 irregular soldiers arrayed in groups as few as five or six to as large as 300 men, this army fought behind Union lines disrupting railroads, communications, troop movements and supply lines diverting Union forces from front lines recalled to Kentucky to quell guerrilla activities. Because of their hit and run tactics and ambuscades they became terrorists to the north and freedom fighters for the south. Their guerrilla actions are estimated to have extended the Civil War for at least one year and saved the Army of Tennessee. These Confederate Cavaliers, sometimes cruel and always threatening were courageous men fearing no danger. I tell their story.

12:30pm Civil War Music – Camp Chase Fife and Drum Union Monument

2:00pm Battle Reenactment- Battle for the Cornfield

3:30pm Jefferson Davis, Kentucky Chautauqua Performer, Kevin Hardesty Program Tent

3:30pm Battle Field Tour: Open Knob Tour-led by Allen Bozarth Information Shelter

See tour description on Saturday, 11:00am

4:00pm Admission Gate closes

4:30pm Camps Close

4:30 – 6:30pm High Watermark Tour

Head of Union Camp

In the American Civil War, "The Angle" on the Gettysburg battlefield is considered the Eastern Theater's "High Watermark of the Confederacy." This term represents the farthest point north the Confederate forces attained before they receded back south to their eventual demise. The Battle of Perryville has the distinction of being the Western Theater's High Watermark of the Confederacy. Specifically, there are remnants of a stone wall where the battered Union forces were able to hold, and then counter-attack the equally battered Confederate forces, driving them back. The civil War trust recently purchased the farm containing this wall and, just five months ago, granted the Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site access to this hallowed ground. We ask you to join us in this first ever tour of this site, lead personally by the park manager, Kurt Holman who will describe the events at the "High Watermark".

5:00pm Sutlers and Antique vendors close

6:00pm Museum and Gift Shop close

6:00pm Food Court close

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> Quail Habitat Restoration Project -Lindsay McCollum **Program Tent**

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See Tour description on Saturday, 12:30pm

10:00am Civil War Music – Camp Chase Fife and Drum **Union Monument**

10:00am A Nation Once More, presentation by Gary Vidito **Program Tent**

Gary presents the causes, events and results of the Civil War through stories, humor, anecdotes and music.

11:00am **Battlefield Tour: Open Knob** –led by Allen Bozarth

Information Shelter

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Program Tent

Union Monument

and Quartermaster operations -talk by Tom Arliskas

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12:00pm The Aftermath of the Battle of Perryville –talk by Stuart Sanders **Program Tent** When Kentucky's largest battle raged at Perryville, more than 7,500 men were killed or wounded. After the battle, nearly every home, stable, church and barn became a makeshift field hospital. The burden of caring for the wounded and sick soldiers essentially fell upon the town's 300 inhabitants. Sanders will describe what Perryville and other nearby communities, experiences as a result of this important Civil War battle and its aftermath.

2:00pm Battle Reenactment – Battle for the H. P. Bottoms Farm 3:00pm Camps close 3:30pm Battlefield Tour: Open Knob – led by Doug Lippman **Information Shelter** See Tour description on Saturday, 11:00am 3:30pm Charlotte Dupuy, Kentucky Chautauqua Performer, Elizabeth Lawson **Program Tent** 4:00pm Sutlers and Antique vendors close ***TENTATIVE***

5:00pm Museum and Gift Shop close